

## REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 18, 26, 27, 91 and 97 have been amended in response to issues raised in the Office Action. Claims 1, 3-52, 65-88 and 91-104 are currently pending in this application. Claims 28-52 and 65-88 stand withdrawn from consideration on the merits.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 1, 5-8, 10, 13, 15-17, 19-25, 92-96, 99, 100 and 102-104 are allowed.

Claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 26, 91, 97 and 101 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,153,765 to Tsai for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Reconsideration of this rejection is requested in view of the above amendments and for at least the following reasons.

Claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 26, 91 and 97 have been amended to specify that the rubber (A1) or (A2) is produced by hydrosilylation, i.e., reaction of the olefin copolymer rubber with a specified silicon compound in the presence of a transition metal complex catalyst. This feature is set forth in, for example, allowed claim 1. Since claim 1 was not rejected over Tsai '765, it is submitted that claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 26, 91 and 97 are now allowable thereover.

For at least the aforementioned reasons, the §102(b) rejection based on Tsai '765 should be withdrawn. Such action is earnestly requested.

Claims 3, 11, 12, 18, 26, 27, 91, 97, 98 and 101 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,798,864 to Topcik for the reasons given on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and for at least the reasons which follow.

The rejected claims now specify that the copolymer rubber (A1) or (A2) is prepared by hydrosilylation, whereby the olefin copolymer rubber is reacted with a specified silicon compound in the presence of a transition metal complex catalyst. This feature is recited, for example, in allowed claim 1. Accordingly, the rejected claims likewise are submitted to be allowable over Topcik '864.

For at least these reasons, the §102(b) rejection based on Topcik '864 should be withdrawn. Such action is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's comment on page 3 of the Office Action, applicants submit herewith a translation of JP5-112684

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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